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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *December* 28, 1752.

From a Not very late Engliſh *Paper.*

Of HEALTH, TEMPERANCE, and SOBRIETY.

IN an Age of Luxury, Aphoriſms againſt Voluptuouſneſs may have little Effect; however, Obſervations on Human Nature, and the Force of Cuſtom in a miſcellaneous Manner, may be thought amuſing even by thoſe who may never follow the Preſcriptions.

Doctor *Arbuthnot* and Doctor *Cheyne* have learnedly wrote on the Nature of Ailments, but I believe have made no Reformation in Epicuriſm. The People of *England* pay little Regard to any new Doctrine which aboliſhes an old Cuſtom; many would think their Liberties in Danger, did they not poſſeſs the Freedom to eat and drink as they had a Mind.

A learned Foreigner obſerv'd humouroufly to an *Engliſhman*, *Vita veſtra eſt inſtar Comediæ*: *Your Life is like a Comedy, where the whole Buſineſs and Plot is Eating*: Breakfaſt is the Prologue, Dinner the Interlude, and Supper the Epilogue: You reverſe this Rule of *Cato*, ——*Eat to live, not live to eat.*

'Tis too true that we generally, in this Iſland, paſs the Bounds of Nature, and ſally out into Superfluities; and that there is as much Luxury and Ambition at our Tables, as in any other Article of Living.

Had *Pluto* liv'd in our Age he would have been more ſurpriz'd in *Great Britain* than he was in *Sicily*: When that Philoſopher return'd to *Athens* from his Travels, he was aſk'd, *What he ſaw remarkable in* Sicily? he reply'd, *I ſaw a Monſter in Nature, a Man who eat two Meals in one Day!* —— And yet he had only ſeen *Dionyſius* Dine and Sup.

Temperance augments Things that are pleaſant; nor has the greateſt Epicure that *Gout* over his artful Delicacies, which Nature gives to the homely Diet of the Plowman.

Health is the Conſequence of *Temperance*, and they are moſt happy in their Health, who eat for Hunger and drink for Thirſt: Human Nature is contented with a little; Cuſtom has introduced Exceſs.

The Order of Living is inverted from what Nature intended it. Pope *Sextus*, before he was in the Papal Chair, liv'd on Bread and Water; and with Pleaſure ſaid,

Panis & Aqua & eſt Vita beata!

But as ſoon as Infallibility was inveſted in him, he chang'd his Motto, and it is now,

Aqua & Panis
Eſt Vita Canis.

The *Italians* have a Proverb, which they look on as a better Preſcription than any in *Hippocrates*,

Mangiera pin Chiamanio Mangia.
He that will eat much, let him eat little.

A Prieſt is ſaid to be Author of it, who liv'd to 186 Years of Age, and had this Epitaph.

Hic jacet Edentulus, Canus atq; Decanus
Rurſus dinteſcit, Nigreſcit & hic Requieſcit.

Which, for the Pun, will not bear a Tranſlation; but inſtead of it, take the following Inſcription over the Tomb of a *Corniſh* Beggar.

Here Brawn, the common Beggar, lies,
Who counted by his Tale,
Some Six Score Winters, and above,
Such Virtue is in Ale.
Ale was his Meat, his Drink, his Cloth,
His Phyſic too beſide,
And could he ſtill have drunk his Ale,
Then ſure he had not died.

Tho' I am tenacious of my Syſtem, that *Health* is maintain'd by a temperate Regimen, yet I cannot reſiſt the Temptation of relating a Story which is ſomewhat contradictory to it.

In a Caſe before Lord Chief Juſtice *Hale*, two Farmers diſputed about an old Way over one of their Grounds: To prove their had been no Way formerly, a very old Man was called, who, notwithſtanding his great Age, appear'd ſtrong and healthy. My Lord, on hearing him ſay he remember'd the Grounds Four Score and Six Years, aſk'd him how old he was? *Ninety Six*, reply'd the Countryman: ——*Ninety Six!* cries my Lord, in Admiration, *and ſo ſtrong and luſty!* ——*Pray, Friend, how have you liv'd?*——" Why, pleaſe " you my Lord, *ſays the old Man*, I have liv'd " on our Country Fare, chiefly on Bread, Butter, " Milk, Eggs, and ſuch Sort: I was never much " a Fleſh-eater, and never drank any Thing ſtrong " in my Life; no, not ſo much as Ale: I never " was overtaken in Liquor in all my Days, and " was never ſick in my Life." The Judge ſurpriz'd at the Account, addreſs'd himſelf to the Gentlemen at the Bar, and greatly commended ſo rare an Example of Temperance, and ſet forth what Bleſſings of Health and long Life attended it. ——When the Witneſſes on the other Side came to be examined, an old Man ſwore, that " there " had been an ancient Way over the Grounds, " and that he remember'd it Ninety Eight Years " ago."——*Ninety Eight!* ſays my Lord, *Why how old are you?*——" Come next Shrove Tide, " *replies the Man*, briſkly, I ſhall enter on my " Hundred and Sixteenth Year."——*Bleſs me!* ſays my Lord, *you ſeem as healthy and vigorous as the other Witneſs. You ſee, Gentlemen, the Effects of Temperance. Theſe Men have never debauch'd or debilitated Nature.——You, old Father, have liv'd ſuch another Sort of a Life as your Neighbour there.*——" Not I indeed, *replies the* " *old Man*, laughing. No, no, he is a Milkſop; " but I love good ſtrong Ale, and have lov'd it " from my Cradle; I have drank freely all my " Life; no Man more ſo in the whole Pariſh; " and I have not gone to Bed this many and ma- " ny a Year, without being happy: 'Tis good " ſtrong Drink, my Lord, that has given me a " ſtrong old Age."——*Nay then, Gentlemen*, ſays my Lord, *I find 'tis all one, drink or drink not; and all my Encomiums on Temperature may be loſt upon you.*

LONDON, *July* 30.

LAST Week one Mr. Cameron arrived in Town from Air in Scotland, a Man of 105 Years of Age, being born in the Year 1647, at the Town of Air. He came up here to put an End to a Law Suit, which has been long in Agitation. Such is his Vigour and bodily Strength, that even now he can walk four Miles upon a Stretch in little more than an Hour's Time. He was engaged with the Duke of Monmouth, in his Rebellion againſt James the Second. He afterwards ſerved as a Volunteer in the Cameronian Regiment, which was compoſed of covenanted Preſbyterians, and fought againſt Lord Dundee at the Time of the Revolution, when that Nobleman riſk'd a Battle for the abdicated Monarch, and in this Engagement he killed four Troopers with his own Hand. [*As he was a Soldier, it is more than probable that he was not a Milkſop, as was ſaid of the firſt Evidence in the foregoing Story.*]

Auguſt 8. Thurſday three Boys, one 17, another 12, and another 10 Years of Age, with two Girls, were brought before Thomas Smith, Eſq; as diſorderly Perſons; when upon Examination, it appeared, that one of the Girls had been common to all the Boys, and that the other had been common with two of them. The Juſtice committed the Girls to hard Labour in Bridewell; two of the Boys he committed to be kept ſeparate 'til their Friends could come and take proper Care of them; and the third Boy of ten Years old, being a Pariſh School Boy, he ſent to School, to receive ſuitable Correction from his Maſter. [*Theſe nine Urchins will never live to the Age of Mr.* Cameron.]

Extract of a Letter from Harwich, dated Septem ber 30.

" Among other Loſſes ſuſtained at Sea by the late high Winds, that of a Sunderland Collier was attended with the following Circumſtance: She was wreck'd on the Baynard Sands, off the Coaſt of Zealand; and the Crew conſiſting of ten Men, and the Captain, all periſhed but one, who was providentially taken up by the Dolphin Packet, Capt. Cockerel, and brought aſhore here a few Days ago. This poor Wretch had floated on a Piece of the Wreck from Seven o'Clock on Wedneſday Morning, 'til Ten the Saturday Morning following. He had got upon it with two more; one of whom was ſoon waſhed off, and the other was found dead by his Side at the Time he was taken up. When the Captain deſcried the Wreck, it was a great Way off; and not knowing what to make of it, he had once reſolved not to delay his Paſſage by looking after it; 'til by the Help of a Glaſs, he thought he had diſcern'd ſomething alive upon it, and then ordered the Boat out to ſee what it was. The poor Man had loſt his Senſes; ſo that when they came up to him with the Boat, he ſtruck at them, ſaying, 'What did they mean to moleſt him in his own Cobble; that he knew where he was, that he was off Scarborough, about his own Buſineſs, and would not be forced aboard any other than a King's Ship.' They told him they were a King's Tender, and were come to preſs him. Nay then, he ſaid he muſt go; and called out to the other, come Jack, awake, 'tis a King's Ship, there is no Help for it, and we muſt go aboard. It was ſome Time before he was brought to his right Mind, when he related the Particulars of the Wreck, and added withal, that on Thurſday in the Evening, he was within Hearing of a Dutch Merchant, but could not by Shouts or Signs, make known to them his Diſtreſs. During the Time he was upon the Wreck, which was 3 Days and Nights he was near drowning by the Waves daſhing over him, and the laſt he remembers was, a Reſolution he took to lie down and ſurrender himſelf to the Mercy of the Sea. He has had a good deal of Money collected for him in the Town, and was Yeſterday taken on board a Veſſel bound for Sunderland, to carry home the melancholy News of this Diſaſter."

St. JOHN's, (Antigua) November 3.

On Tueſday laſt came on, before a Court of Admiralty, of which the Honourable Andrew Leſley, Eſq; was Preſident, the Trial of Francis Pye, late Mate, Richard Paddy, late Carpenter, and Robert Crockfort, Mariner, lately belonging to the Snow Joronomy, George Saunders, Maſter, for Pyracy, &c. when, after a Hearing of about 5 Hours, the Evidence being ſumm'd up, Robert Crockfort was acquitted, and Francis Pye and Richard Paddy, were convicted of the Crimes laid to their Charge, and, according to the Decree of the ſaid Court, are to be hung on Gibbets. Saturday the eleventh Inſtant is appointed for their Execution. *As no Account of the Proceedings which brought on theſe two Men the deſerv'd Sentence of Death, has yet been inſerted in this Paper, we hope the following One will ſuffice.* According to the Depoſitions of the Evidences, taken in the above Court, the Snow Joronomy ſail'd from Briſtol ſome Time in December, 1751, under the Command of Capt. Daniel Ward, bound for the Coaſt of Africa. After their Arrival at Whiteman's Bay, the Captain ſicken'd, and died aſhore. The ſecond Mate ſoon died alſo. Mr. George Saunders, the firſt Mate had then ſucceeded to the Command of the Veſſel. After being ſome Time in the Bay, they met with very bad Weather, and hard Gales of Wind, wherein they loſt all their Anchors and Cables, which obliged them to put out, and ſtand off and on for a Day or two. About the fifth or ſixth of July following, they met with the Ship Juba, Capt. Smith, from Briſtol, off Cape Mount, who promiſed the Snow ſome Supplies, which ſhe wanted, and deſir'd her to follow him to Anamabos; on which Capt. Saunders, then ill, order'd Pye, whom he had advanced to be his Mate, to follow the Juba, which he obeyed 'til the next Night about Nine o'Clock, when he aſked one of the Men if he would join him and go off the Coaſt (purpoſing to go to one of the Windward Iſlands, recruit and pay themſelves their Wages; but were forced to make this Iſland) telling him he need not fear, for all who refuſed to

accompany them ſhould go overboard. About the ſame Time, a Propoſal was made to poiſon the Captain, by putting ſome Ingredients for that Purpoſe into his Water Gruel, upon which one of the diſaffected Men, who had ſome Knowlege of phyſical Compoſitions, ran down to the Surgeon's Cheſt, rummaged it, and at length found a Bottle of Aqua Fortis, when he cried out, Here it is, this will do the Buſineſs; but the Execution of this execrable Deſign was defeated, by the Boatſwain's throwing that deſtroying Liquid overboard. Then Pye, with a Pot of Brandy, drank D——n to the Captain, which was heartily pledged by Paddy, but with Reluctance and through Fear by the reſt. Capt. Saunders growing well, came upon Deck, but made no Attempt to recover the Command of the Veſſel, but calmly ſubmitted to the Inſults of Pye, through his Means faring, in all Reſpects, like a foremaſt Man; while he and Paddy inſolently and rebelliouſly aſſumed to themſelves his Province and Proviſions. Some Time after they being in want of Neceſſaries, bore away for this Iſland, where they arrived the 6th of October, N. S. and coming off Engliſh Harbour, they fired ſeveral Guns, as Signals of Diſtreſs, which brought Boats to their Aſſiſtance: On the Prople's coming on board, Capt. Saunders preferred his Complaint againſt the above mentioned Men, who were ſecured in Irons, and after the Snow's anchoring in Falmouth Harbour, conveyed on board his Majeſty's Ship Advice, then lying at Engliſh Harbour, in order for their Appearance at the Bar.——Soon after the Snow's Arrival, the Produce of Part of her Cargo (being about ſixty or ſeventy Slaves) and what remain'd, was ſold for the Benefit of her Owners or Inſurers; who, 'tis ſaid, will be great Loſers.

ANNAPOLIS.

Four Days ago, about Noon, there happened a very tragical and melancholy Accident at Mr. *Lawſon*'s Iron Works in *Baltimore* County: Several of his Daughters, with Others, being on the Furnace Pond near his Dwelling Houſe, the Ice broke under them, by which Means, one Man whoſe Name was *James Byus*, and four young Women, were drowned, three of whom were Mr. *Lawſon*'s Daughters, (his Eldeſt, his Third, and his Fourth), and the other, Miſs *Elizabeth Read* of this Place, who was then there on a Viſit: And ſeveral Others broke in and very narrowly eſcaped drowning. The dead Bodies were all taken up about two Hours after. The ſudden and immature Death of ſo many amiable, virtuous, and well accompliſh'd young Ladies, gives the utmoſt Concern to all their Acquaintance.

His Honour our Preſident, has been pleaſed, at the Requeſt of many of the principal Inhabitants of *Kent* County, to grant a Pardon to *Peter Ball*, who was lately condemn'd for the Murder of his Negro Boy.

A Dead Warrant is gone to *Cæcil* County, for the Execution of a Man lately condemn'd there at a Special Court, for Burglary.

Laſt Monday, being *Chriſtmaſs* Day, ſome People having got pretty merry at the Houſe of *Joſeph Crouch* on the North Side of *Severn*, his Son very imprudently attempting to fire a Gun between his Father's Legs, ſhatter'd the Bone of one of them with the Wad in a terrible Manner, ſo that 'tis thought he cannot recover.

Calvert County, *December* 11, 1752.

TAKEN up about the 20th of *November* laſt, in the Bay, at *Cove-Point*, near the Mouth of *Patuxent* River, a Schooner of the following Dimenſions; *viz.* about 30 Feet by the Keel, 14 by the Beam, and 5 and a half in the Hold; ſhe has been raiſed two Feet, has a ſheathed Roundhouſe which has been painted red, her Maſt and Bowſprit carried off cloſe by the Board, and her Sails and Rigging entirely gone. There was found on board her one ſmall Cheſt, in which was a Pair of black Cloth Breeches, an old Ruffled Shirt, a Pair of coarſe Yarn Stockings, a new Pair of Mens Shoes, a Pair of Oſnabrigs Trowſers, a Waiſtcoat, and ſome ſmall Lumber; there was alſo on board one Lopping Axe, one broken Cutlaſs and Piſtol, one ſmall Iron Spit, a Barrel, and an empty Tub, ſome wooden Bowls, and a ſmall Speaking Trumpet.

The Owner, on proving his Property, paying Salvage, and the Charge of this Advertiſement, may have her again, by applying to

John Clare.

Annapolis, December 28, 1752.

LAST Summer was put on board the Ship *Patience*, Capt. *Hugh Steel*, then lying at *Rotterdam*, by a *German* unknown, who propoſed to come Paſſenger to this Place with the ſaid *Steel*, an Iron bound Cheſt, two Feet ten Inches long, fifteen Inches broad, and two Feet deep, with two comical Padlocks; which Cheſt is brought hither, and depoſited with the Printer of this Paper. Now this is to give Notice, that if the Owner will apply for it, he may have it, on paying the Freight, and the Charge of this Advertiſement.

N. B. The *German* who put the ſaid Cheſt on board Capt *Steel*, went over to *England*, but did not return to *Rotterdam* before Capt. *Steel* ſailed; but we hear he came ſince into this Province with Capt. *Ethelington*.

If the Cheſt be not demanded before the firſt of *January*, 1754, it will be ſold to pay the Charges.

To be Sold by Public Vendue,

On Monday the 15th of January, *at the Quarter late of* William Peele, *deceaſed, near* London-Town,

A Coice Parcel of likely Country born Negroes, conſiſting of Men, Women, and Children; all the Horſes and Cattle on the Plantation, a Quantity of Corn and Tobacco, and all the Plantation Utenſils, for Sterling or Current Money, by

James Dick,
James Mouat,
James Nicholſon.

N. B. If the Day proves rainy, then the Sale to be on the firſt fair Day after.

The Sale of the above Premiſſes is with the Conſent of all Parties concerned.

LOST or Stolen a large Silver Table Spoon, weighing near three Ounces, mark'd M I H

Whoever will bring it to *James Hutchings* on *Kent* Iſland, or to the Printer hereof, ſhall have Ten Shillings Reward, and no Queſtions aſk'd.

If offer'd to be pawn'd or ſold, it is deſired it may be ſtopp'd.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Charles Carroll*, Eſq; at *Elk Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a Sorrel Horſe, with a bald Face, three white Feet, a ſhort Sprig Tail, and is blindly branded on the near Buttock.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there are at the Plantation of *Burrage Scott*, at *Elk Ridge* in *Anne Arundel* County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Bay Mare, with a long Tail, a hanging Mane, and is neither broke nor branded.

Alſo a very ſmall Black Horſe, branded on the off Buttock C, and ſeems to have been branded on the near Buttock, but ſcarcely now to be diſcern'd; he has a Sprig Tail and hanging Mane.

The Owner, or Owners, may have them again, on proving their Property and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, 2.

NOTICE is hereby given, That there are at the Plantation of *Philip Thomas*, Eſq; at *Weſt River*, taken up as Strays, an Iron Grey Mare and Colt, not branded; the Colt about 7 Months old.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW, 2.

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mr. *John Worthington*, junior, living at *Elk Ridge*, taken up as a Stray, a Bay Mare, about 13 Hands high, has a Snip on her Noſe, paces pretty faſt, has a Buſh Tail, and no Brand.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW.

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *James Sargeant*, living in the Fork of *Patuxent*, near *Snowden*'s Iron Works, taken up as a Stray, a large Bay Horſe, branded R H on the near Buttock, has one white Foot, a long Tail and Mane, and lately ſhod before. 2

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

WHEREAS Mr. *Jonathan Forward*, of *London*, Merchant, is poſſeſſed of one Eighth Part of the *Patuxent* Iron-Works; but being advanced in Years, and deſirous to decline all Buſineſs, is willing to diſpoſe of it. Any Gentleman inclinable to purchaſe may know the Terms, by applying to

William Lux, of *Baltimore*, Attorney in Fact to Mr. *Forward*. 3

To be Sold by the ſaid *Lux*, a new SLOOP, that will carry 18 Hogſheads of Tobacco, deck'd, well rigg'd, and an excellent Sailer. Alſo a Sailmaker, who has four Years to ſerve, and underſtands his Buſineſs very well, having work'din the King's Yards.

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TO BE SOLD,

Two very good Boats; one of them Country Built, about 18 or 19 Feet Keel, is 7 and a half Feet Beam; the other a *Deal* Cutter with ſix Oars, and goes with a Lugg Sail ſlung by the Thirds. Alſo a very handſome Wherry, with four Oars and a Rudder. 4

Any Perſon wanting either of the ſaid Boats, may apply to *Samuel Middleton.*

TO BE SOLD,

THE following Tracts of Land, lying in *Charles* County, formerly the Property of the *Wynnes*; *viz.*

Sympſon's Deſight, containing 300
Weaſell 200
London 100
Blockſtitch 100
} Acres.

Theſe lie within half a Mile of *Port Tobacco*.

Alſo, *Clower Point*, at *Nanjemoy*, containing 200 Acres. 6

Pitby, containing 200 Acres, at the Fording Place on *Mattawoman*, as you go from *Piſcataway* to *Port Tobacco*.

Borton, containing 30
Stedman's Adventure 37
Suſquehanna 37
} Acres.

Theſe three laſt lie on the Head of *Wiccocomico*; and all the Right and Title to ſeveral Tracts not here mentioned, which belonged to the *Wynnes*: For Title and Terms, apply to

David Roſs.

To be Sold very reaſonably,

At the Plantation of the late Rev. Mr. Henderſon, *deceaſed, in* Prince George's *County*,

TWO very fine breeding Mares, of the *Barbary* Breed; with two young Mare Colts, foaled this Spring: Alſo, two promiſing Horſe Colts, a Year old, not cut, which were got by the late Governor's fine *Engliſh* Horſe. 16

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